



## WHO WE ARE:

Ottawa West Little League (OWLL), is a community-based, volunteer-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing both House and Competitive level baseball for boys and girls (aged 4 to 19), as well as coaching, umpiring and other volunteer opportunities for community members of all ages. We focus on developing in our players the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being through the game of baseball.

OWLL is part of the Little League program governed by Little League International. Little League Canada is one of its regions. OWLL plays in Ontario District 2, with teams from Kanata and East Nepean.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- WEEK OF JULY 1: SUMMER HOUSE AND INTERLOCK SEASON STARTS
- JULY 4-8: JUNIOR DISTRICTS @ FRANK MCDONALD PARK
- JULY 10-14: MAJOR DISTRICTS @ PINECREST MAJOR
- JULY 19-21: ROOKIE TOURNAMENT @ FRANK RYAN
- JULY 19-24: MINOR DISTRICTS @ EAGLES NEST 2
- JULY 27 - AUGUST 2: MINOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY OWLL



# OWLL News



## Eat, sleep, breathe, baseball...

Hello, and welcome to the June issue of OWLL News. June was a very busy month for baseball in Ottawa West. We had games and practices whenever the weather let us squeeze them in, with action from t-ball to GOBL for our National and Canadian teams, as well as the formation of districts teams from minor to junior. The weather was a challenge for all divisions, meaning that there have been a few scrambles to get games rescheduled and then only to have them rescheduled again! We hope that all players had a time on the diamonds, even with the delays and reschedules.

OWLL also hosted two very successful events in June. The first was the Pete Loyen tournament in early June, where teams at the minor and major level from Ontario and Quebec played some excellent baseball over the course of 3 days. We also hosted a fantastic t-ball fun day where all of our t-ball players gathered at Frank Ryan park. They played many games throughout the day showcasing the skills they've learned of the course of the spring season. This event also included a very successful fundraiser for the Britannia Woods Food Pantry. You'll find a wrap up and some photos from these in this issue.

We you hope that you had an enjoyable season with OWLL this spring. For those of you pausing your baseball careers until fall or possibly next spring, we look forward to seeing you when you return to diamond. If you are joining us for summer ball, coaches will be reaching out via team snap this week, if you haven't heard from them already. See you on the diamond!

## DISTRICTS

The last week in June marks the start of the districts tournament schedule for OWLL (and the other local little leagues). The districts are the first step on the road to the world series at applicable levels. Winners of the district tournaments go on to play in the provincial tournaments to determine who will be Team Ontario at the national championship (save for minor, which only goes to provincial championships). The winner of the national championship goes on to the World Series for their division. These take place in various locations.

If you are looking to watch some great, competitive baseball locally, OWLL is competing in three district tournaments in the coming weeks:

**Minor districts** - July 19-24, all games at Eagles Nest 2 in East Nepean.

**Major districts** - July 10-14, all games at Pinecrest Major

**Junior districts** - July 4-8, all games at Frank McDonald Park in Kanata

**Senior districts** - Completed in late June. Congrats to ENLL!

Watch our website and social media channels for more details on when the games will be occurring.



## Provincials come to OWLL!

Ottawa West Little League is thrilled to be hosting the minor provincials from July 27 - August 2, 2024. There are no national championships in the minor division, so this tournament is the highpoint of the minor season in Ontario.



The minor tournament features players aged 9 and 10. OWLL will be representing our district, district 2, and will play against seven other teams from around the province. Round robin game play starts on August 27<sup>th</sup>, and the opening ceremonies will be at Pinecrest major, 4:00p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Final schedules are still being determined, as district play is ongoing. Once published, the full schedules for the tournament will be posted on our social media and available at [ontariolittleleaguechampionships.ca](http://ontariolittleleaguechampionships.ca). On this site you will also be able to find information on the great merchandise that we will be offering for sale (coming soon - preordering recommended), information about the diamonds, and what amenities may be offered during games.

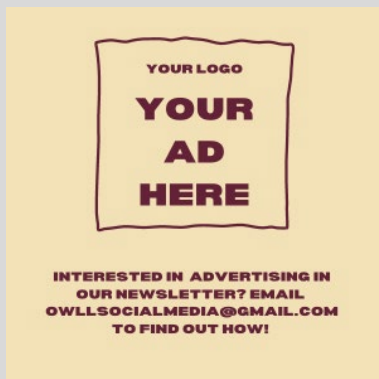
We are still looking for volunteers to help make these events run smoothly. Do you have any time, even an hour or two, that you'd be able to help out? Please send an email to [OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com). Tasks we need help with include volunteers for running the scoreboard, field support to help prep before and after games, and canteen support for the tournament. High schoolers will receive volunteer hour credit for any hours they spend helping out.

## T-ball Funday!

OWLL's t-ball families enjoyed a full day of baseball at our t-ball funday on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Frank Ryan. Players got to showcase the hitting, fielding, and base running they'd been learning in mini games! It was a great day of ball.

The day long event featured a barbecue fundraiser hosted by OWLL. Players and their families were invited to feast on hot dogs, chips, drinks, and freezies in exchange for a donation to the Britannia Woods Food Pantry. The event was a huge success, with \$1260.00 being donated!!! Thank you to our baseball families, and to OWLL for donating all the food and drinks.

The Britannia Woods Food Pantry is a member agency of the Ottawa Food Bank. For more information on the pantry, please see [www.britanniawoods.com/project/britannia-woods-food-pantry/](http://www.britanniawoods.com/project/britannia-woods-food-pantry/).





## THIRD ANNUAL ROOKIE TOURNAMENT

July 19 - 21

Games at Frank Ryan North &  
Frank Ryan South



### CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

Do you love to see pictures of OWLL's teams in action? Do you ever wonder how you can get your player's team featured by OWLL?



OWLL's social media team wants your pictures! We try to feature as many teams as we can on social media, but we aren't able to catch every game. So we would like your help! We are also looking for back-up photographers to capture events and tournaments. If you have pictures to share, or want to volunteer, please send an email to [owllsocialmedia@gmail.com](mailto:owllsocialmedia@gmail.com).

### LAST CALL FOR SPRING MERCH

OWLL has some quantities of a few styles from our spring swag items. If you missed out on the spring sale and want to see what is available, please reach out to [OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com](mailto:OWLLMerchandise@gmail.com).

## Annual Pete Loyen Minor/Major tournament

The annual Pete Loyen tournament took place over the first weekend in June. In a spring where rain and wet fields have been the norm, we lucked out and the weather was perfect, allowing us to get all the games in with no delays. Twenty-four teams participated, including four representing OWLL, as well as teams from the greater Ottawa area, Quebec, and southern Ontario.

There were many close, tight matches over the tournament, leading to an Ancaster vs Diamond final in the major division, an Ottawa West vs East Nepean final in the minor A division, and Ottawa West vs. Stoney Creek final in the minor B division. The results were as follows: Ancaster took the major title, ENLL minor A, and OWLL minor B!!



The weekend was well attended by spectators, who, in addition to taking in some excellent baseball, enjoyed some treats from our canteen, and made new friends along the way.

OWLL would like to thank the volunteers who organized and ran the tournament, including the groundskeepers, the scorers, the

parents and coaches, the umpires, and those who devoted their time and helped with whatever was asked of them! We are also very grateful for our friends at the Ottawa Nepean Canadians Sports Club and West Ottawa Pirates for hosting and staffing the canteen!!

